

Roanoke County Public Library

Capital Improvements Projects

FY 2007-11

“Roanoke County’s six libraries are a valuable resource for our students and the community as a whole. In fact, our library system is the busiest system in Southwest Virginia with more than one million items checked out each year! And I anticipate those numbers will only continue to rise in the future.”

Michael W. Altizer, Chairman
Roanoke County Board of Supervisors



Comprehensive Library Study

- County Libraries are poorly configured, too small, and inadequately furnished;
- Maxed out in capacity and will decline if not expanded;
- Shelf space severely limited;
- Media collections poorly displayed;
- No designated areas for teens and young adults;
- Computer access areas limited;
- Displaced traditional users;

Comprehensive Library Study

- Children's area too small & lacks necessary amenities;
- Poor visual control;
- Inadequate parking;
- Poor handicapped accessibility;
- Minimal seating;
- Limited program space;
- No room for support functions;
- Bad lighting.

South County Library Update



“This year, the Board [of Supervisors] committed to build a new library branch in Southwest Roanoke County for folks of all ages in Roanoke County and surrounding jurisdictions to enjoy”

Michael W. Altizer, Chairman
Roanoke County Board of Supervisors
“State of the County Address”
November 2, 2005

A vertical image on the left side of the slide shows a person's hand pointing with their index finger at a blue-tinted architectural drawing or blueprint. The drawing contains various lines, circles, and some handwritten text.

South County Library Update

- High Priority & Quality of Life
- Land Acquisitions
- Preliminary Engineering Studies
- 11 possible sites
- Narrowed to 4 (alphabetical order)
 - Finney
 - Merriman
 - Parker
 - Vandelinde

South County Library Update - Finney



South County Library Update - Merriman



South County Library Update - Parker



South County Library Update - Vandelinde



Glenvar Branch Library



“The purpose of this letter is to state my highest commendation for the Glenvar staff . . . [who are] warm, friendly, welcoming, professional, and so very helpful.

The only thing needed [at Glenvar] is more space.”

Glenvar Library Patron

November 2, 2005



Glenvar Branch Library

Opened:

1978

- "Stayin Alive" is a Hit Song
- First class postage goes to 15 cents
- Average Salary was \$13,263/year
- Dallas premieres on TV
- Polish Cardinal is named Pope John Paul II
- Inflation rate was 12.4%



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Vinton Branch Library

Opened: 1970

- "Patton" wins Best Picture award
- Richard Nixon is President
- Average Salary was \$7,747/year
- The first floppy disc is produced
- Hank Aaron & Willie Mays both get their 3,000th hit.



Vinton Branch Library



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Bent Mountain Branch Library

“The Bent Mountain Library is a big part of this community and now that it has computers, it’s busier than ever.”

Bent Mountain resident



Mount Pleasant Branch Library

“We see a cemetery and a school but where is the library?”

Facility Evaluation Team Member
Library Comprehensive Study



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Conclusion

